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SUBSTRATE CARRIER MOVEMENT TO ACTUATE
SUBSTRATE CARRIER DOOR OPENING/CLOSING
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REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME
PURSUANT TO 37 CFR § 1.17 (a)

Sir:

Applicants respectfully request a three-month extension of time in which to respond to the Examiner's Office Action mailed, October 20, 2005 in which a three-month period for response expired on January 20, 2006. After granting the Request for a three-month extension of time, the response period will expire on April 20, 2006.

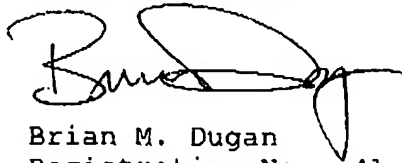
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No other fees are believed necessary, however if additional fees are required please charge deposit account No. 04-1696.

Respectfully submitted,



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